Funds to NGOs for rural development in Andhra Pradesh

2337. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given by Government to various NGOs in the rural development sector in Andhra Pradesh in 2002-2003,2003-04;

(b) the names of all such NGOs and the funds received by them in the above two years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has monitored such use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Assistance to BPL families of Chhattisgarh

† 2338. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families in the State of Chhattisgarh living below poverty line;

(b) the family-wise amount provided by Government during the last three years and during the current financial year;

(c) the reasons for decreasing number of beneficiaries each year;

(d) the number of cases pending for want of suitable amount;'and

(e) by when required amount would be provided to the State of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (e) As per the official estimates of the poverty ratio for 1999-2000,37.06% of the rural population was living below the poverty line in Madhya Pradesh, which included the preserrt State of Chhattisgarh also. The family-wise amount is not provided by the Government. The funds under rural development

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